



*Do not stand at my grave and weep  
 I am not there  
 I do not sleep  
 I am a thousand winds that blow  
 I am the diamond glint on snow  
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain  
 I am the gentle autumn rain  
 When you wake in the morning hush  
 I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet  
     birds in circling flight  
 I am the soft starlight at night  
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## **Luana L. Reyes**

### **American Indian Leader**

Luana Reyes, a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes of Nespelem, Washington, died Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> surrounded by her family at the Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC, after being diagnosed with a sudden onset of Aplastic Anemia.

Ms. Reyes was the Director of Headquarters Operations for the Indian Health Service, an agency within the Department of Health and Human

Services. As a member of the elite leadership structure of the agency, she was responsible for administering management and support operations for the IHS that focused on all aspects of operating a nationwide comprehensive multibillion-dollar health care delivery system and 14,500 employees. On October 10<sup>th</sup> Ms. Reyes was the recipient of the 2001 Presidential Rank Meritorious Award presented by President Bush. The Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy G. Thompson, said of Ms. Reyes that her “work exemplifies the best of public service,” and that her achievements will have a lasting positive effect on the people who depend on IHS programs.

Before making her home in Maryland in 1982 when she joined the Headquarters of the IHS in Rockville, MD, she served as the Executive Director of the Seattle Indian Health Board, where she transformed a volunteer urban Indian health clinic into a comprehensive community health care center with a multimillion-dollar budget and more than 190 full-time health professionals and support staff. She helped to found and served as chair of the American Indian Health Care Association, a national coalition of Urban Indian health centers, where she focused national attention on the health care needs of Indians living in urban environments.

Following her service as the Executive Director of the Seattle Indian Health Board, she became the Executive Director of the Puyallup Nation Health Authority comprehensive community health program. Following this appointment, she moved to Headquarters Indian Health Service. Previous to receiving the 2001 Presidential Rank Meritorious Award, Ms. Reyes had numerous recognitions, such as the Health Resources Services Administration Unit Citation, an Award of Merit from the Association of American Indian Physicians, and an Outstanding Leadership Award from the American Indian Health Care Association.

Ms. Luana Reyes is survived by her daughter Kecia Reyes and brothers Lawney L. Reyes and Harry A. Wong; sisters Teresa A. Wong and Laura S. Wong-Whitebear; and a nephew, nieces, grandnieces and a grandnephew.

## **A Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of Luana L. Reyes**

Thursday, November 8, 2001

**Violin Prelude**  
Amy Horman

**Prayer and Old & New Testament Lesson**  
Dr. George W. Ennis

**Moment of Sharing**  
Dr. Michael H. Trujillo, Director, Indian Health Service  
Laguna Pueblo

**Open Time of Sharing**

**Prayer**  
Clayton Old Elk, Crow Tribe

**Family Time**  
Lawney Reyes, Brother  
Laura Wong-Whitebear, Sister

**Closing Traditional Prayer**  
Rae Jones Snyder, Seneca Nation

**Flute Postlude**  
Louise Hill

*A reception and luncheon will immediately follow the service at the Indian Health Service Headquarters Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 440, Rockville, MD. Syms Department Store has graciously offered the corner of their parking lot across from the Thompson Building for guest parking from noon to 2:00 p.m.*

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Memorial gifts may be made to the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY), P.O. Box 800, Oklahoma City, OK 73101 or the American Indian College Fund Headquarters, 8333 Greenwood Blvd. Denver, CO 80221.

At the request of the family, cards/flowers may be sent to the Indian Health Service Headquarters Office at 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 440, Rockville, MD 20852